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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON UK RENEGOTIATION OF ITS EC ENTRY TERMS

1. FOR S/S GENEVA: PLEASE DELIVER HARTMAN ON ARRIVAL.
2. FOR HARTMAN: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM WHICH, IF YOU APPROVE, WILL BE SENT TO ALL OECD CAPITALS, USEC, OECD PARIS AND USNATO.

3. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WHICH YOU SHOULD USE, IF ASKED, IN ANY DISCUSSION OF UK RENEGOTIATIONS OF EC MEMBERSHIP TERMS WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

(A) WE HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED EUROPEAN UNITY BUT OF COURSE MUST NOW ASK OURSELVES WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THAT UNITY IS. IT CANNOT BE AN END IN ITSELF TO US, OR AN ABSTRACTION. WE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT A UNITY WHOSE MAIN REASON FOR BEING IS OPPOSITION TO THE US-MOREOVER, SUCH A UNITY WOULD UNDERMINE THE INDIVISIBILITY

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OF OUR SECURITY, TO THE DETRIMENT OF INTERESTS ON BOTH

SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. THE UNITY WE SUPPORT, THEREFORE, IS ONE IN WHICH EUROPE WILL WORK CONFIDENTLY AND COOPERATIVELY WITH THE UNITED STATES, DIRECTLY AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. WE DO NOT WANT A WEAK EUROPE THAT WE CAN DOMINATE BUT RATHER A STRONG PARTNER WITH WHOM WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ON COMMON PROBLEMS.

(B) THE FORM THAT EUROPE TAKES IS FOR EUROPEANS TO DECIDE. WE SEE NO INHERENT CONTRADICTION TO GROWING EUROPEAN UNIFICATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

(C) WE NEED BOTH THE POLITICAL WILL AND PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIONS TO ASSURE THAT OUR POLICIES ARE NOT IN CONFLICT. THE PURPOSE OF THE DECLARATIONS WAS TO REGISTER THAT ACT OF POLITICAL WILL.

(D) SPECIFICALLY, THE BRITISH REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION OF SOME OF THEIR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EC IS NOT A MATTER FOR SPECIFIC US ADVICE OR COMMENT. OUR VIEW IS THAT ANY ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS REACHED BY THIS IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER THAT AFFECT OUR INTERESTS SHOULD SUPPORT THE UNDERSTANDINGS WE ALREADY HAVE WITH THEM TO MOVE TOWARD FURTHER WORLD-WIDE LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE THROUGH GATT NEGOTIATIONS. UNQUOTE END TEXT. RUSH

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